

STRANGE KLEPTOMANIA IF THE STORY IS TRUE

HORSE STEALING MAY BE HIS CRAZE

John Isbell Recognized By
Owner of Rig

Said to Have Been Sent Up From
Bowling Green for Similar
Offense.

CHASED HERE FROM HICKMAN.

Has Paducah produced a freak in
the line of kleptomaniacs?

If the story told by T. J. McGowan of Bowling Green, concerning John Isbell is true, the old soldier is unable to control his passion for other people's horses and he has done time in the prisons of three states. Mr. McGowan states positively that the aged prisoner has done time in Kentucky.

T. J. McGowan, of the firm of Campbell & McGowan, Bowling Green, who had John Isbell arrested here for selling a horse and buggy, which he is alleged to have run away with from Bowling Green, came to Paducah this morning to claim the property.

McGowan recognizes in Isbell, a man whom, he says, was sent up from Bowling Green once before for the same offense. It seems that the aged cripple has a mania for stealing horses and buggies. He drove one from Hickman to Livingston county, several months ago and it was recovered only after the hardest chase. Some think Isbell is not mentally sound.

Likes Kentucky Prison.

Mr. McGowan said today:

"Isbell was not recognized at the stable when he called for a horse, or he would not have secured one. He represented that a party in the country owed him some money and he wished to collect it. He took the horse, and that was the last we saw of it until I identified it today at the stable where he had disposed of it and the rig for \$45.

"Isbell was sent up from Bowling Green 17 years ago. He is 71 years old and bears bullet wounds. He is partially paralyzed and crippled. I have heard him say that at Bowling Green that he liked the Kentucky prison better than the prisons of either Texas or Tennessee."

He has a sister living in Livingston county. Several months ago Isbell was tracked from Hickman county into Livingston county with a rig which he had secured in the same manner as the one he sold here.

Isbell was uncommunicative. In the jail he said, when McGowan's story was related to him:

"Well, I guess he knows."

"Were you ever in prison in Tennessee or Texas?" he was asked.

"That is for you to find out," he replied.

"Were you ever in prison in Kentucky?"

"That will all come out at the trial."

"Where did you get the horse?"

"I don't know."

He refused to talk except in answer to questions.

FOUR FINGERS CUT OFF

Caught in Grooving Machine and
Torn Open.

Lacy Hall, of 1114 South Eighth street, had four fingers cut off his left hand in a grooving machine at the Paducah Furniture factory's plant yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. His thumb was split open. It was necessary to administer chloroform in the operation, which was performed by Dr. Frank Boyd.

Saloon Closed on Warrant.

The saloon of Ed Sears and Will Sweeney at Norton and Third streets was closed today on a distress warrant issued from Magistrate C. W. Emery's court on complaint of Friedman, Keller & company, for a debt of \$55. It is understood the saloon is to be placed in other hands and will be restocked and made up-to-date. Constable James Flournoy served the warrant.

Comparisons with the same month for ten years back, show that the present rise in the river here is altogether unusual. All last night the rain came down steadily, and heavy rains in the upper Cumberland and Tennessee rivers, foretell a still higher rise here, probably higher than ever before. The stage is 23.5.

The following comparisons are for November 21 for ten years:

1905—stage, 7. Rainfall for the month, 5.95.
1904—stage, less than 1 foot. Rainfall, .20.
1903—stage, 2.4. Rainfall for the month, 1.78.
1902—stage, 2.6. Rainfall for the month, 5.92.
1901—stage, 1.5. Rainfall for the month, 2.06.
1900—stage, 3.3. Rainfall for the month, 6.53.
1899—stage, 2.1. Rainfall for the month, 2.0.
1898—stage, 15.8. Rainfall for the month, 1.17.
1897—stage, 1.8. Rainfall for the month, 5.74.

In many ways this year has been remarkable. More boats have been able to run year round and the rivers have held up better than ever before. The rise in the first three days of this week has been, 13.2 feet. Three inches of rain have fallen up to this morning.

Train Lost Somewhere On Plains And Passengers May Be Freezing

Colorado Springs, Nov. 21.—

Some where on the plains of eastern Colorado a train is lost and the passengers may be suffering for food. Wires between here and Goodland, Kansas, are kept hot in an effort to locate the train but the officials have no knowledge of its whereabouts. The train left Chicago Monday night with approximately 200 passengers.

PIPE SMOKERS AGAINST IT.

Increase of 50 Per Cent in Price of
Briars.

New York, Nov. 21.—Advice from London say that smokers of pipes are threatened with an increase of 50 per cent, in the price of briars. This is owing to a combination of circumstances. The chief cause is strikes in two of the great pipe-making districts, St. Claude, France, and Nuremberg, Germany, which have practically stopped the output for three months. There has also been a scarcity of good briar in Italy, which produces the best roots.

Girl on Rear Platform.

Wabash Ind., Nov. 21.—Waiting until the fast mail train had started, in order to remain with her friends, Miss Edith Milliron, a prominent society girl of Logansport, stepped upon the rear platform of the last coach with her suit case in hand. Waving a final salute, she turned to find the door locked, and she was standing in the cold upon a narrow speed. The train, gaining a fearful step at Peru, the next stop, Operator Modrick, who was standing on the platform, saw her peril, and, rushing to the wire, sent a message to Hartman's station, ordering the train stopped. She was rescued, almost helpless from fright and exposure and could have held on but a few minutes longer.

Well Known Banker Dies.

Hawesville, Ky., Nov. 21.—Like Adair, one of the best known bankers and bank organizers in this section of Kentucky, died this morning at Fordville of pneumonia, after a short illness. Mr. Adair was cashier of the bank at Fordville at the time of his death. He is survived by two brothers and three sisters, one of whom is at present postmaster at Hawesville. Mr. Adair assisted in the organization of the South Louisville bank, in Louisville.

Mme. Calve's Romance.

Paris, Nov. 21.—According to a story printed here, Mme. Emma Calve the prima donna, is engaged to be married to a blind American millionaire. The American, who is well known in New York and Paris, has worshiped the diva ever since he first heard her sing Carmen in the American metropolis several years ago. He followed the singer wherever she went on operatic tours. He never dared approach her. His love remained unrequited until a remarkable action disclosed the difficult wood to the prima donna.

Steamers Go Aground.

Cleveland, Nov. 21.—Two freight steamers and barge went ashore off Cleveland this morning. The lake is not rough and the crews are still aboard. It is believed their bearings were lost in the heavy fog.

GOOD MEETING

HELD AT THE BROADWAY METHODIST
CHURCH TODAY.

County Sunday School Convention to
Conclude With the Session
Tonight.

The McCracken county Sunday school convention held its meetings today at the Broadway Methodist church on program schedule. Mr. E. A. Fox and Mr. W. J. Vaughan arrived from Hopkinsville, where they held a meeting yesterday. Much interest is evinced in the meeting, especially with the weather in its present state. The subjects are handled with interest and the speakers are alive and enthusiastic.

This evening's program is:

7:30 — Devotional, Rev. D. C. Wright.

7:45 — The Teacher's Personal Equipment, E. A. Fox.

8:15 — The Organized Sunday School Work, W. J. Vaughan.

8:45 — Offering.

9:00 — Adjournment.

Throws Child Into Sea.

New York, Nov. 21.—Suffering from what is believed to have been temporary insanity Rosa Noegle, a Swiss nurse, grasped Aaron Guvowski, 1 year old, from a group of children at play on a deck of the steamer Nieuw Amsterdam, when the ship was in mid-ocean Thursday and threw him overboard. He was drowned.

BISHOP TIGERT

DIES THIS MORNING AFTER A
WEEK'S ILLNESS.

Chicken Bone in His Throat Causes
Abscess to Which He Finally
Succumbs.

Tulsa, I. T., Nov. 21.—Bishop John J. Tigert, Methodist Episcopal church south, of Louisville, died here this morning after a week's illness.

Troops Dismissed at Once.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Secretary Taft announced this morning that he had ordered an immediate execution of the presidential order dismissing the negro troops in Texas. This action was taken, he said, when he returned to Washington and learned that President Roosevelt had declared he would not reconsider the case.

There is only one kind of a newspaper circulation statement that is worth any consideration and that is the daily detailed statement. The Sun is the only Paducah paper printing such a statement.

TOOK EVERY CENT FROM THE DRAWER

Night Man At Depot Lunch
Stand Absconds.

His First Night on Duty Nets Him
Twenty-Five Dollars and He
Leaves.

SEEN TO LEAVE FOR MEMPHIS.

After looting the cash drawer of every cent of money it held, and leaving the lunch unguarded, W. H. Horner, of Memphis, left the city on train No. 101, last night presumably for Memphis. It was his first watch as night man at the lunch stand. He took, it is thought, \$25, leaving the stock untouched.

A. G. Neff, manager of the depot lunch stand, was roused from his slumbers by telephone last night at 11:35 o'clock. He was informed that his night man had left the stand with no one in charge. Unable to understand the situation Neff dressed and went to the depot.

The cash drawer stood open and empty. He looked in the kitchen department, but Horner was not there. He realized that he had been robbed and immediately notified Patrolman Ferguson and Patrolman Clark. Horner had gone from the city by that time. Efforts are being made to catch him.

The lunch stand is operated by the National Hotel company of Chicago. Horner came recommended as an experienced lunch stand man. Depot attaches saw Horner board the train, but thought he was going in on business.

JEWELRY

IS STOLEN FROM WELLS-FARGO
WAGON TODAY.

Package Valued at \$10,000 Disap-
pears From Wagon—Jeweler
Robbed.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—A package of jewelry valued at \$10,000, was stolen from the Wells-Fargo Express company's wagon today in the downtown district. The package was given to men on the wagon. When the time came to deliver it no trace of the parcel was found. At the same time detectives are looking for a man who held up and robbed Marcus Spronze, a jeweler, of \$10,000 worth of jewelry.

POISON

USED BY DISSATISFIED HUSBANDS AND WIVES.

Arsenic Found in Stomachs of Thir-
teen Exhumed Bodies—Many
Arrests.

Budapest, Nov. 21.—An epidemic of poisoning was brought to light in the village of Knoch. All Hungary is aroused by the disclosures. Investigations show that probably a score of ill-mated husbands and wives were murdered by dissatisfied life partners. Anonymous information furnished the authorities led to the exhuming of 25 bodies. Arsenic was found in the stomachs of 13 corpses. Four women and nine men were arrested, charged with murdering their consorts.

GRAFT INQUIRY IN SOUTH BEND

Grand Jury is to Investigate Moral
Conditions in the City.

South Bend, Ind., Nov. 21.—The moral conditions of South Bend are to be investigated by the grand jury if intimations which have leaked out at the court house count for anything.

The decision was laid up to by spasmodic efforts of Mayor Fogarty toward reforming the city. It is said that police officers and other officials are to be placed on the rack and compelled to answer questions which may cause the indictment of members of the department. Others who are said to be slated for the carpet are proprietors of saloons, resorts and gambling dens.

PADUCAH ON AN ISLAND IN A LAKE OF BACKWATER

LIVELY RUNAWAY ALONG BROADWAY

Brings Ruin to Vehicle And
Windfall to Gamers

Woodland Dairy Wagon Horses Be-
come Frightened and Run Until
a House Stops Them.

CAUSE CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.

Frightened by a flying piece of paper about 9 o'clock this morning, a team of horses belonging to J. B. Cooper, and attached to the Woodland dairy wagon, dashed up Fourth street and out Broadway, wrecking two buggies belonging to Frank Boone and Paul Legeay, and demolished the milk cans, spilling nine gallons of milk and scattering among a crowd of greedy street gamblers ten dollars in small change. They turned into Fifth street and brought up against the Hon. Charles K. Wheeler's residence at Fifth street and Kentucky avenue.

Mr. Cooper left his team standing in front of W. C. Gray's saloon while he delivered milk.

Frank Boone and Paul Legeay were driving towards the river. The torn up condition of Broadway made both drivers "bug" the curb. Legeay was ahead of Boone. John O'Hara, colored, was driving Boone's horse. When the milk wagon turned into Broadway coming straight for the two buggies, Legeay tried to drive onto the pavement but was too late. The heavy milk wagon struck his shafts and broke them, freeing his horse. Legeay jumped out and held his horse, preventing it rushing away.

Boone did not see the runaways until Legeay jumped out. He did likewise but the milk wagon demolished the rear wheel of his buggy and knocked it into the middle of the pavement.

The team pulling the milk wagon went into the excavation made for the double car tracks. Cans flew out and with them the cash drawer. Dimes and nickels scattered in every direction and street gamblers soon were picking them up in eager haste. The horses turned, after throwing out the driver's chair and two cans, into Fifth street. They failed to make the turn at Kentucky avenue and ran across the pavement and into the yard of Hon. Charles K. Wheeler. The house stopped them. The wagon wheel was damaged, the singletrees broken, and one of the horses suffered a bruised nose which came in contact with the wall.

AT SAN JUAN

ROOSEVELT IS GREETED WITH
FLAGS AND ENTHUSIASM.

Crowds From Surrounding Country
Go to City to See President
Arrive.

San Juan, Nov. 21.—President Roosevelt arrived this morning and was received on landing by Governor Winthrop and other prominent insular officials. The town is profusely decorated in the president's honor and crowded with people from the surrounding country eager to greet President Roosevelt.

Mrs. Frank R. Stockton.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Mrs. Frank R. Stockton, widow of the novelist, died at her home in this city at 10:30 o'clock last night.

WEATHER — Threatening

with showers and strong south winds this afternoon and tonight. Thursday probably fair, colder. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 65 and the lowest today was 45.

Railroad Schedules Smashed And N. C. & St. L. Has Stopped Traffic

City Will Escape With Few Hundred Dol-
lars Damage, Caused By The
Backwater And In-
jury to Streets

DOG CHAINS ARE AT A PREMIUM NOW

The rainstorm that has hidden the face of the sun for a week, tied up railroad traffic, stopped outdoor work of every kind, and discommoded people generally, seems to be ended with prospects of a succeeding cold wave, and Paducah has escaped with probably a few hundred dollars' damage, occasioned principally to contractors on street improvements, the city and to some extent, river interests, which have lost a few rafts.

The Ohio, Cumberland and Tennessee rivers show an unprecedented rise and the branches around Paducah are raging torrents, that have wrought considerable, though not lasting damage, to the farmers, especially. Bridges over the county have stood the strain well.

Railroad service is poor, where there is any at all, the N. C. & St. L. being out of business temporarily. The I. C. south and east is running a train every once in a while.

Paducah Suffers Some.

After a careful canvass of Paducah mills and personal interviews with river men, The Sun can report that, as yet, little loss in rafts and other floating stock, has been experienced by the unprecedented rise in the rivers.

However, everybody seen, says that damage is bound to follow if the rise continues, which now seems to be the outlook.

The market for dog-chains in Paducah and at every river town has been exhausted. Dog-chains are two pieces of iron sharp at one end, and connected by a chain. They are used to secure logs. One end is driven into one log, and the other end into another log, and so on indefinitely. Then a raft so formed, is tied by ropes to the shore.

Dog-chains are used principally on logs which are lying up on the bank, and which it is feared will be washed away by the rising rivers. The Dick Fowler carried 1,500 from Mound City to a point down the river, and the Petter Supply company here shipped 800 by express yesterday.

The steamboat men report that many thousands of logs are lying on the river banks, and unless they can be secured in some way, will be washed away. The same is true of railroad ties. The tie boats are extremely busy handling ties.

Farmers, work having been stopped by the rains, are concentrating their attention to saving their timber. A rising wind is adding to the trouble of navigation.

Reports of a change of taste in drinking water are coming in, and the explanation, is from the large amount of dirt washed into the rivers.

The Paducah Traction company has a large lot of ties at the wharf, which cannot be unloaded on account of the weather.

Street Car Schedules.

Practically without hitch the street car schedules have been carried out during this bad spell, though not without considerable trouble.

The fill over the new culvert near the Union passenger station has sunk several feet from the steady rains, leaving the tracks and ties suspended. This fill has not been made long and the sinking could be expected. On the Rowlandtown line, several places have sunk delaying traffic somewhat. In numerous small places the track bed will have to be rebuilt.

Several residents of Broadway and Jefferson street do not like the new short line car that only goes to Seven street.

The petition these residents are getting up objecting to the short line had not reached Manager Bleecker this morning, and in regard to the short line he said:

"The delay in completing the new switch on Broadway on account of rains has upset the Broadway line schedules a little but when it is completed the residents of Jefferson street

Railroad Schedules Off.

Millions of dollars will be appropriate figures to estimate the damage done to railroads in the south by the deluge of water. The rains of the past few days, which threw volumes of water into the lowlands, converted the small creeks into raging torrents, sweeping away bridges, tearing up railroad tracks and doing damage impossible to estimate in river districts where mere showers compared to that which came last night. Today Paducah is on an island and the volume of water pouring through the creeks to the rivers is undiminished. Trees, fences and culverts and wooden structures were washed into the creeks and some of them found their way to the river. Island creek carried every kind of drift conceivable, and river property is being watched with renewed caution.

Railroads Tied Up.

The N. C. & St. L. as far as Paducah is concerned is out of business. Traveling men have waited in Paducah more than 24 hours for trains on this road. Many started on the Paducah-Fulton accommodation train over the I. C. to reach Paris, Tenn., and other Tennessee points touched by the L. & N. and N. C. & St. L., but a new washout was reported at 7 o'clock this morning between Water Valley and Wingo, Ky. Since morning washouts have been reported all along all the divisions.

The Illinois Central has not a train running on schedule time. A few portions are used on a slow order schedule, generally a 6-mile speed while on some portions trains are ordered to "feel."

Delays to Illinois Central trains did not begin until Monday, but the N. C. & St. L. suffered Saturday. Since Saturday not more than two trains have reached Paducah. This morning information was issued from Supt. Hill's office that no trains will be run out of Paducah until late in the afternoon, if then. Yesterday a switch engine and caboose on the N. C. & St. L. road, brought a few passengers in from Murray. South of Murray there is no travel.

The delays on the Illinois Central have been great. The Louisville-Memphis flyer due at 3:40 o'clock yesterday morning reached Paducah at 2:59 yesterday afternoon, lacking 44 minutes of being annulled. No. 102, Memphis to Louisville, passed yesterday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock. It was due at 11:20. No. 121, Louisville-Paducah accommodation passenger, due at 4:15, passed at 10:55 last night, and the flyer, due at 6:10 passed at 11:45 last night. The flyer due at 3:40 this morning, passed at 6:50, and No. 104 from Memphis to Louisville, due at 1:40, passed one hour late. It was made up at Fulton, however. No. 122, from Fulton to Louisville accommodation passenger, was delayed this morning for several hours by a washout coming in at 7 o'clock between Water Valley and Wingo. This delayed the departure of the Paducah-Fulton local freight. No damage is reported by